

Eels fight back too late

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THE Tablelander Eels have proven themselves to be rugby league stayers, despite losing against the Mareeba Kingfishers on Saturday.

The Eels went down to the Kingfishers 24-16, after staging a valiant comeback in the second half of the Under 17 girls game.

The Eels were down 16-4 at the end of the first half and managed to score three tries in the last 10 minutes of the game.

Eels coach Des Pascoe said the team was a bit overwhelmed, but fought back once they found their rhythm.

“Some of them haven’t played in front of a big crowd before,” he said.

“They were on a Mareeba ground, against Mareeba players and they took a bit to warm



The Tablelander Eels came back valiantly in the last half, but were unable to defeat the Mareeba Kingfishers.

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up but they were coming back towards the end.”

Eel Shakira Sagigi said the team went well, considering it

was the first game Herberton and Malanda players took to the field together.

“We went well tonight and we communicated well,” she said.

“They (Kingfishers) were more comfortable being on the home-ground. They knew what they were doing and they talked and communicated really well.”

Sagigi said the team will be hard at training, focusing on spreading out and running up together.

“We all bunch up in one area,” she said. “We need to spread out more to the wing.”



Mareeba Kingfisher Marina Hagai looks to her team mates for support during the match against the Tablelander Eels.